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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGA: PFOR, JA, UR, US
SUBJECT: SOVIET REACTION TO MIG INCIDENT

REF: STATE 239418

1. JAPANESE EMBOFF ORITA CALLED ON EMBOFF TODAY (SEPT 29)
TO EXPRESS GREAT THANKS FOR INFORMATION PASSED TO HIM
EARLIER ON INCIDENT INVOLVING A U.S. PLANE FROM TURKEY
WHICH INTRUDED INTO SOVIET AIRSPACE IN 1970 (REFTEL).
INFORMATION, WHICH EMBOFF HAD EMPHASIZED WAS CLASSIFIED
CONFIDENTIAL, HAD BEEN TRANSMITTED TO TOKYO, HE SAID. JAPANESE
MFA HAD NOW COME BACK WITH QUESTION ON WHICH PORTIONS
OF INFORMATION COULD BE USED BY GOJ IN CASE MATTER IS
RAISED IN DIET. ORITA SAID JAPANESE EMBASSY IN
WASHINGTON HAD BEEN ASKED TO INQUIRE FROM DEPARTMENT,
BUT HE ALSO ASKED THAT WE INQUIRE, SINCE ORIGINAL RE-
QUEST CAME HERE.

2. ORITA ALSO ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION OF REFERENCES
TO PROBLEMS OF CONSULAR ACCESS. HE WANTED TO KNOW, IF
POSSIBLE, HOW LONG SOVIETS WAITED BEFORE NOTIFYING
EMBASSY OF LOCATION OF DETAINED AMERICANS, HOW LONG
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AFTER THE INCIDENT THEY PERMITTED U.S. OFFICIALS TO VISIT

THEM, AND HOW THE WHOLE MATTER OF CONSULAR ACCESS HAD BEEN HANDLED. ORITA DID NOT INDICATE WHETHER OR NOT JAPANESE MFA HAD ASKED THESE QUESTIONS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT PLEASE PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION ON THESE MATTERS WHICH WE CAN PASS TO JAPANESE.

4. FYI. THE SOVIET WEEKLY NEWSPAPER LITERATURNAYA GAZETA (SEPT 29) CITED THE 1970 INCIDENT AS AN EXAMPLE OF CORRECT SOVIET HANDLING OF SUCH MATTERS IN AN ARTICLE SHARPLY CRITICAL OF JAPANESE HANDLING OF THE PRESENT INCIDENT.
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